

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1201, H1228–29, H1239–40, H1251–52, H1268–69, and H1271. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **NATIONAL FIRE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on National Fire Plan Implementation. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, National Fire Plan Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildland and Fire Coordination, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; James W. Garner, State Forester, Department of Forestry, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on NIH Theme. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Allen Spiegel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Lawrence Tabak, M.D., Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Stephen Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Jack A. McLaughlin, M.D., Acting Director, National Eye Institute; and Stephen Straus, M.D., Director, National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Pacific Military Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Dennis Blair, USN, Commander in Chief, Pacific Command; and Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea.

### **TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on FAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Jane F. Garvey, Administrator; Keith D. DeBerry, and Robert Kerner, Aviation Safety Inspectors, Professional Airways Systems Specialists; Carol J. Carmody, Acting Chairperson, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, House and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### **MILITARY FORCES POSTURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the posture of U.S. military forces. Testimony was heard from Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### **MILITARY TRANSFORMATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on military transformation and its impact on the equipment modernization programs of the military services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: George R. Schneider, Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Office of the Secretary; Maj. Gen. William L. Bond, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs for Force Development; Rear Adm. Joseph A. Sestak, USN, Director, Navy Quadrennial Defense Review Division; Brig. Gen. David A. Deptula, USAF, Director, Air Force Quadrennial Review Division; and Maj. Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations.

### **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on No Child Left Behind. Testimony was heard from the following Members of Congress: Langevin,

Latham, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Clement, Pence, Cummings, Underwood, Kingston, Strickland, Fattah, Larson of Connecticut, Northup, Honda, DeLauro, Baldacci, Price of North Carolina, Akin, Hooley of Oregon, Schiff, Thune, Matheson and Larsen of Washington.

#### **UNSOLICITED COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC MAIL ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 718, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

#### **DRINKING WATER NEEDS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Drinking Water Needs and Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA; Perry Beider, Principal Analyst, CBO; Barker Hamill, Chief, Bureau for Safe Drinking Water, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### **HUMAN CLONING RESEARCH—ISSUES RAISED**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Issues Raised by Human Cloning Research. Testimony was heard from Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologies Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS INTEREST CHECKING ACT; INVESTOR AND CAPITAL MARKETS FEE RELIEF**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 974, amended, Small Business Interest Checking Act of 2001; and H.R. 1088, Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H. Con. Res. 73, expressing the sense of Congress that the 2008 Olympic Games should not be held in Beijing unless the Government of the People's Republic of China releases all political prisoners, ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and observes internationally recognized human rights.

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 91, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; H.R. 428, con-

cerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization; and H. Res. 56, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce at the annual meeting of the Commission a resolution calling upon the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China and Tibet.

#### **AMERICA'S SUDAN POLICY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on America's Sudan Policy: A New Direction? Testimony was heard from Michael K. Young, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 768, Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2001; H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001; H.R. 863, amended, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001.

The Committee approved a private relief bill.

The Committee also approved Subcommittee Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 146, Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001; H.R. 182, amended, Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001; H.R. 309, Guam Foreign Investment Equity Act; H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Services and the National Marine Fisheries Services to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management; H.R. 601, amended, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands; and H.R. 642, amended, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**MARRIAGE PENALTY AND FAMILY TAX RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 6, Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on H.R. 10, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act, focusing on small business implications. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 495, to designate the Federal building in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building;" H.R. 819, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building;" H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 76, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; H. Con. Res. 79, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and H. Con. Res. 87, authorizing the 2001 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

**WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Water Infrastructure Needs. Testi-

mony was heard from Perry Beider, Principal Analyst, CBO; and public witnesses.

**GLOBAL TRENDS BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security met in executive session to receiving a briefing on Global Trends: 2015. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2001**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine initiatives that promote healthy aging in rural America, focusing on certain areas that impact the lives of older Americans, including transportation, housing, access to high-quality health care, diet and nutrition, and employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings on S. 206, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation delay prevention legislation, focusing on potential solutions to congestion and delays, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Administration's National Fire Plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings on issues relating to debt reduction, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kenneth W. Dam, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; the nomination of David Aufhauser, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury; the nomination of Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Faryar Shirzad, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.